THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the information presently available, the late Shri Swami Dhirendra Brahmachari owned aircrafts, air strips (including helipads), agricultural land at Mantalai, agricultural implements like tractor etc., buildings and vehicles apart from house-hold airticles and other assets whose declared value as on 31.3.1981 was about Rs. 1.02 crores. As no further balance sheets have been filed, the present value of all the properties and the details of the sources of acquisition are being ascertained.

(e) The Income-tax returns have been filed till the Assessment Year 1992-93. Presently, a demand of Rs. 4.48 crores is outstanding. In order to realise this demand, the immovable properties and the bank accounts have already been attached under the provisions of the Income-tax Act. Further, the Income-tax Department has also filed claims before the receiver appointed by the Court.

(f) Since receiver has been appointed by the Court, the properties will be disposed of as per the directions of the Court.

**Tax Evasion**

1104. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to latest estimated there is tax evasion leakage to the extent of Rs. 50,000 crore per annum in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government do not have adequate and effective machinery to check the evasion/leakage of revenue and to realise it;

(c) if not, what are the other reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government contemplate to activate its machinery to finance the anti-proverty programmes being carried on in the country; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Tax evasion/leakage being clendestine activity, cannot be quantified accurately.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) There are a number of complex factors responsible for tax evasion/leakage.

(d) and (e) During the last 3-4 years Government have taken various measures to ensure better tax compliance resulting in better revenue realisation.

**Financial Investment in Agriculture sector**

1105. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial investment in agricultural sector by Government on the one hand, including by way of subsidising input costs, and by farmers on the other have risen substantialy over the years;

(b) the details of investments attracted by the above said two sources for the last five years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the potential of agricultural sector in generating employment and consistent income has not been commensurate with the quantum of investments made;

(d) if so, whether Government have reviewed the situation in the wider perspectives, particularly keeping in view the demand to extend status of 'industry' to agriculture: and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Gross investment in real terms (at 1980-81 prices) in agriculture has stagnated. It was Rs. 463 crore in 1980-81 and Rs. 4617 crore in 1992-93 (actual). From 18 per cent of the total gross domestic capital formation in 1980-81, it has declined to 9 per cent in 1992-93. The decline in real capital formation in agriculture by the public sector is more perceptible, as it has come down to Rs. 1065 crore in 1992-93 compared to Rs. 1796 crore in 1980-81. The details of investment since 1989-90 to 1993-94 is listed at Statement I (*See* below)

The various subsidies as given in Central Budget for the last 5 years is listed at Statement I (*See* below)

(a) to (e) Investment in agriculture and rural development have a great deal of commonality in generating benefit to the rural comunity. In addition to increases in Central Plan allocations for social sectors and poverty alleviation programmes, the Government has accorded the highest priority to promoting sustainalbe employment intensive growth in its economic reform policies. The total employment growth in the economy is estimated to have virtually doubled to about 6 million in each of the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 as compared to only 3 million in 1991-92. In 1994-95, with the overall economic growth having accelerated significantly the increase in aggregate employment can be expected to be commensurately greater.

**Statement-I**

*Estimates of gross Capital formation in Agriculture*

(Rs. Crores)

| Year | Agriculture (Total) | | Agriculture Public Sector | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | at Current prices | at 1980-81 prices | at Current prices | at 1980-81 prices |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1989-90 | 10025 | 4353 | 2989 | 1156 |
| 1990-91 | 11592 | 4593 | 3191 | 1153 |
| 1991-92 | 12837 | 4497 | 3228 | 1001 |
| 1992-93 | 14462 | 4617 | 3762 | 1065 |
| 1993-94£ | 15642 | 4695 | 4780 | 1074 |

*Quick Estimates.

**Statement-II**

*Details of Subsidies*

(In crores of rupees)

| | Actuals 1991-92 | Actuals 1992-93 | Actuals 1993-94 | Revised 1994-95 | Budget 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. Major Subsidies | 9793 | 9414 | 10764 | 10826 | 10965 |
| 1. Total Subsidies | 12253 | 11995 | 12864 | 12810 | 12401 |
| 2. Food | 2850 | 2800 | 5537 | 5100 | 5250 |
| 3. Indigenous Fertilizer | 3500 | 4800 | 3800 | 4000 | 3750 |
| 4. Imported Fertilizer | 1300 | 996 | 762 | 1166 | 1650 |
| 5. Fertilizers subsidy to small and marginal farmers | 385 | – | – | – | – |
| 6. Export promotion and Market Development | 1758 | 813 | 665 | 560 | 315 |
| 7. Sale of decontrolled fertilisers with concessionto farmers | – | – | – | 531 | 500 |
| 8. Debt Relief to farmers | 1425 | 1500 | 500 | 341 | – |

**Officers promoted in Syndicate Bank**

1106. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many officers have been promoted from Scale I to Scale II in Syndicate Bank since 1992;

(b) how many clerks have been promoted to officer Scale I since 1992 in Syndicate Bank:

(c) if no one has been promoted to officer Scale I, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Syndicate Bank had signed an agreement with Trade Union that Bank will declare the vacancies in promotions or officer Scale I every year:

(e) whether Syndicate Bank will hold promotion test immediately for promotion from clerk to officer Scale I to fill up the vacancies caused because of the promotion of officers Scale I to Scale II: and

(f) if so, how many vacancies will be filled up by holding test for promotion from clerk to officers Scale I and out of which how many will be reserved for SC/ST?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Syndicate Bank has reported that 1054 officers have been promoted from JMG Scale I to MMG Scale II since 1992.

(b) and (c) Since there are enough number of officers in Scale I cadre of the bank, it has not effected any promotions after 1992. However, three clerks have been promoted during this period, one under sportsmen category and two on clearing their C. A. qualification.

(d) Yes. Sir.

(e) and (f) The bank has reported that it is taking steps to effect a few promotions from clerical to officers' cadre and from sub-staff to